

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the Monticello Housing Authority has been awarded a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant to help individuals and families access better employment opportunities, obtain drivers licenses and transportation for work, increase financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency. The \$38,789 grant is provided through the Public and Indian Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (PH-FSS) program.

"This program makes a great deal of sense: by investing the time and resources necessary to ensure that people can find good jobs and drive themselves to work, we can reduce reliance on welfare and housing assistance programs," said Hinchey. "This grant will allow the Monticello Housing Authority to continue providing services that give people the support and confidence they need to become more economically independent, thereby reducing the burden on taxpayers over the long run."

"On behalf of the Monticello Housing Authority, I can't tell you how excited we are to hear that we have been awarded money under the PH-FSS program," said Dena Wood, the Executive Director of the Monticello Housing Authority. "This award will help us continue to provide our participants with the critical tools and support they will need to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency."

Hinchey is a strong supporter of the PH-FSS program. The grant will support continued services for 25-30 families at the Housing Authority's facility in the Village of Monticello.